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C O N F I D E N T I A L LISBON 2164

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINS, PINT, PO  
SUBJECT: POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS: KEEPING HEAT ON PCP

SUMMARY: THE ARMY HAS REFERRED CHARGES AGAINST THIRTY-TWO  
LEFTIST OFFICERS, INCLUDING OTELO SARAIVA DE CARVALHO, TO  
THE SUPERIOR DISCIPLINARY COUNCIL AND AGRICULTURE MINISTER  
BARRETO HAS SUSPENDED TOP AGRARIAN REFORM INSTITUTE  
OFFICIALS AWAITING CHARGES FOR DIVERTING FUNDS TO PCP  
CONTROLLED UNIONS. THE MOVES ARE FURTHER INDICATIONS OF THE GOP  
EFFORT TO KEEP THE HEAT ON THE PCP AND THE LEFT IN GENERAL.  
END SUMMARY.

1. ARMY MOVES AGAINST THIRTY-TWO LEFTISTS: CHARGES  
AGAINST THIRTY-TWO LEFTIST ARMY OFFICERS HAVE BEEN  
SUBMITTED TO THE ARMY SUPERIOR DISCIPLINARY COUNCIL.  
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AMONG THOSE FACING DISCIPLINARY ACTION FOR OFFENSIVES  
COMMITTED PRIOR TO NOV 25, 1975 ARE FORMER COPCON COMMANDER AND  
PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE MAJ OTELO SARAIVA DE CARVALHO, FORMER  
NORTHERN MILITARY REGION COMMANDER MAJ EURICO  
CORVACHO, AND FORMER LISBON ARTILLERY REGIMENT (RALIS)  
DEPUTY COMMANDER CAPT DINIS DE ALMEIDA. ARMY CHIEF  
GEN ROCHA VIEIRA TOLD THE PRESS MAR 16 THAT ERRORS

COMMITTED AGAINST THE SPIRIT AND LETTER OF THE APRIL 25  
REVOLUTION MUST BE PUNISHED. VIEIRA SAID THAT THE  
DISCIPLINARY COUNCIL WOULD ONLY ADVISE HIM AFTER  
HEARING THE PROSECUTION AND DEFENSE ARGUMENTS.

2. AGRARIAN REFORM: MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE ANTONIO  
BARRETO ON MAR 16 SUSPENDED THE PRESIDENT, VICE  
PRESIDENT, AND FOUR OTHER OFFICIALS OF THE AGRARIAN  
REFORM INSTITUTE PENDING OUTCOME OF THEIR PROSECUTION FOR FRAUD  
AND MISUSE OF FUNDS. THESE OFFICIALS ARE SUSPECTED  
OF HAVING DIVERTED FUNDS INTENDED FOR AGRARIAN REFORM  
TO COMMUNIST-CONTROLLED UNIONS.

3. ASSEMBLY DEBATES ECONOMIC MEASURES: IN THE FIRST  
DAY OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY DEBATE ON THE GOVERNMENT'S  
ECONOMIC MEASURES MAR 16 THE PSD SUPPORTED THE  
GOVERNMENT PROGRAM WITH SOME RESERVATIONS. PSD  
ECONOMIST SOUSA FRANCO CRITICIZED THE LACK OF MEASURES  
TO STIMULATE THE ECONOMY AND TO CONTROL PRICES. CDS  
PRESIDENT REITAS DO AMARAL SUPPORTED THE AUSTERITY  
MEASURES, BUT CALLED THEM LATE AND INSUFFICIENT. PCP  
DEPUTY CARLOS CARVALHAS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT SOME OF THE  
MEASURES WERE POSITIVE, BUT OPPOSED THE ECONOMIC  
PACKAGE FOR DAMAGING THE INTERESTS OF THE WORKING  
CLASSES AND PROMOTING CAPITALIST RECOVERY.

4. CDS LEADER'S HOME BOMBED: A SMALL BOMB EXPLODED  
MAR 16 OUTSIDE THE DOOR OF THE LISBON RESIDENCE OF  
CDS PRESIDENT FREITAS DO AMARAL. AMARAL'S WIFE AND  
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CHILDREN WERE HOME BUT NO ONE WAS INJURED. THIS IS  
THE LATEST OF OVER TWENTY BOMBS EXPLODED IN THE PAST  
SEVERAL MONTHS, MOST OF THEM IN LISBON.

5. COMMENT: THE MOST RECENT PROSECUTIONS OF LEFTIST  
MILITARY AND CIVIL SERVANTS ARE FURTHER INDICATIONS  
OF GOP EFFORTS TO KEEP THE HEAT ON THE PCP AND LEFTISTS IN  
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